

PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3600**

Attorney's Docket No. 023895/259077

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Ratliff et al. Confirmation No.: 6914  
Appl. No.: 09/961,419 Art Unit: 3685  
Filed: September 25, 2001 Examiner: Charles C. Agwumezie  
For: AVAILABILITY BASED VALUE CREATION METHOD AND SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.